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SUBJECT: U.S.-INDIA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMISSION
MEETING

REFS: A) NEW DELHI 7324, B) STATE 121850

1. IN ORDER TO ASSIST INDIAN SIDE IN ITS PREPARATIONS
FOR SUBJECT MEETING, OES WISHES TO ELABORATE SOMEWHAT
ON PARA 3 REFTEL B. AREA OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
REHABILITATION IS CONTINUING INTEREST OF HEW, AND WE
INTEND TO BRING THIS UP IN PANEL C. FISH AND WILDLIFE
WAS SUBJECT OF DECEMBER, 1976, DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. NALINI
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D. JAYAL, JOINT SECRETARY (FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND IRRIGATION, AND U.S. FISH
AND ;ILDLIFE SERVICE HOPES TO TAKE UP AT SUBCOMMISSION
MEETING WHERE THOSE DISCUSSIONS LEFT OFF. NSF HAS RAISED
POSSIBILITY OF COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH IN THE FIELDS OF
GEOLOGY, HYDROLOGY, AND ARID LANDS SCIENCES, WHICH WE
HAVE GROUPED UNDER THE GENERAL HEADING OF EARTH SCIENCES.

FINALLY, NOAA HAS IDENTIFIED ABOUT TEN RESEARCH PROJECTS WHICH IT BELIEVES VARIOUS INDIAN SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PURSUING JOINTLY WITH US. RATHER THAN LABELING THIS AREA AS SPACE SCIENCES, IT MIGHT BE MORE ACCURATE TO CALL IT "SOLAR ACTIVITY RELATED TO

WEATHER PHENOMENA", AND THIS IS WHAT WE INTEND TO DO AT THE MEETING.

2. WE WELCOME THE INDIAN INITIATIVE TO SUGGEST REMOTE SENSING AS A NEW AREA FOR COOPERATION (REFTEL A) AND BELIEVE IT COULD BE RAISED BY THEM UNDER AGENDA ITEM III. FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT THE DETAILS OF COLLABORATION IN THIS FIELD MIGHT THEN TAKE PLACE IN PANEL B, SINCE WE BELIEVE INDIA'S PRINCIPAL INTEREST MAY BE IN APPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING TO NATURAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT. FYI: UNDER THIS HEADING WE DO NOT CONTEMPLATE DISCUSSING CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A LANDSAT GROUND STATION IN INDIA, BELIEVING THIS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED OUTSIDE THE SUBCOMMISSION CONTEXT. END FYI.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY PLEASE DISCUSS THESE TOPICS WITH APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIALS AND OBTAIN, IF POSSIBLE, MORE INFORMATION ON OTHER NEW SUBSTANTIVE AREAS, IF ANY, INDIAN SIDE INTENDS TO SUGGEST FOR COOPERATION UNDER THE SUBCOMMISSION. CHRISTOPHER

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